

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Superintendent Appreciations and Notes

Student Success Act Survey

In previous communications to the school community, I have been sharing information regarding the Student Success Act. During the month of November into December, we collected input from stake holders through a Sherman County School Student Success Act Survey. Our goal was to gather information to assist the District in developing a plan for investing new resources and fine-tuning our strategic plan. I want to personally thank everyone who participated in this survey that brought in over 150 responses.

Your engagement and feedback was very important to us. We are now in the process of analyzing the data to assist in the application process for this additional funding. If you are interested in reviewing the results, they are posted on the district webpage at

<https://shermancountyschooldistrict.weebly.com/>.

We Honor You

The holiday season is a special time of the year for our staff as many graduates return to Sherman County School to visit and update us on their recent endeavors. Many have enrolled in Universities, Colleges, Technical Schools, and the Military. We are proud of them all! With the recent National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7, I want to share a special thank you to our current and former students who have served, are currently serving, or who have recently enlisted. Throughout the history of our country and Sherman County, brave women and men have been willing to leave their homes and families to preserve our way of life.

Special Appreciation

As I prepare to write each of my communications, it is so difficult to choose what to highlight due to the fact there are so many positive things occurring at Sherman County School and in our community. This month I want to focus on a Hall of Honor recipient who is officially retiring from her post as the editor/publisher of the Sherman County eNews. For the past twenty years (1999-2019), Sherry Kaseberg has been providing a resource for news in Sherman County. The Sherman County School District has greatly appreciated this free service as we have shared communications to our constituents, posted employment opportunities, and learned a great deal about local history. It has also been a wonderful venue to recognize academic and athletic accomplishments of our students and publicize school events. Thank you, Sherry Kaseberg!

Happy Holidays!

With the holiday break approaching, I would like to extend to you and your family best wishes from everyone at Sherman County School!

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of the Superintendent, written in a cursive style.

PS – See Board Appreciation note p. 8!

Snowless Outside; Snowmen Inside

Photos by David R and Mike D

The ironies of life! There was little wait for the first major snow storm of this school year as it sent us off to Thanksgiving break early, but, with winter almost here, the snow outside is gone – for now. However, with the arrival of winter and Winter Break, the ASB has led the school in what's become an annual week's worth of winter and holiday season decorating on the inside.

This year's competitions involved 7-12 individual locker decorating as well as elementary-level class and 7-12 Homeroom door decorating. These contests will be displayed and explained later. First up is the Mitten Tree (see below). The Mitten Tree is a community charitable effort hosted by the County Library. Throughout the month, mittens/gloves, socks, hats and scarves along with warm throws and blankets are requested to adorn and 'pile under' the Yule tree in the library. All donations will go to local agencies which serve those in need in our various local communities.



Photo by David R

Winter Concert



Pre-K Photos Courtesy
of Jeremy Lanthorn



Thursday, Dec. 12 was a big day throughout the building as students prepared and performed their annual winter musical program in anticipation of Santa's appearing. At top the Pre-K students presented *Here Comes Santa*, *Rudolph* and *Winter Wonderland*. The next group down-left was the Kindergarteners performing the *12 days of Christmas* followed above by the 1st grade's performance of *All I Want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth*. At left the 2nd grade performed *Do, Re, Me* and *Jingle Bells*, while below left the 3rd graders performed a Scottish folk song *The Water is Wide* followed by Jose Feliciano's *Feliz Navidad*.



Winter Concert Continued



Top-left is the 4th grade Recorder band who performed *Blues*, *Hot Cross Buns*, *Gently Sleep* and *Merrily We Roll Along*.

Next down is the 5th grade Beginning Band II which performed *Star-Lite*, *Star Brite*; *Hot Crossed Buns*; *Mary Had a Little Lamb*; and, *Jingle Bells*

Third down is the 6th grade Beginning Band I which performed *Chorale* by Bach; *Aura Lee* by Poulton, *Frere Jacques*; and, *Ode to Joy* by Beethoven.

The first photo directly below shows the Middle School Intermediate Band which performed *December Snow* by Tichelli and then literally rocked *Final Countdown* by Tempest that included a trumpet solo by Talon D (center of photo).

At the very bottom is the High School Concert Band which performed *March to Freedom* by Hodges and *Bluster* by Kahelin.

Mr. Gronberg used the Concert Band performance to announce that four of the SCS band members had been selected via audition to the All-Northwest Band that will be performing early next year. Three of the four will be participating in this opportunity. Returning from last year on the trumpet is senior Emma W. On flute will be senior Izzy M. On trombone will be senior Jonathan B. Rose C was accepted as qualifying for the honor on the clarinet, but will not actually be going to participate this year. The audience came away extremely impressed with the musicianship of SCS students that had several with experiences at larger schools echoing the message that the SCS tones were more harmonic, precise and stronger by far.



As the concert ended and right on cue, Santa arrived to get those final wishes in anticipation of the holiday deliveries just 12 days away. Joining Santa were 1st grader Drake W and his sister Marie.



Boys Basketball

Photos by Jacob W



At left, Owen swats away a shot in the opening game of the season Dec. 6 versus Stanfield. Despite holding an early lead, the Huskies struggled down the stretch to lose by seven. Below (l-r) Kole M, Jeremy B and Jed H apply defensive pressure in the same contest. Senior Jeremy B elected to have surgery on an ankle in mid-December and will be out the rest of the season, but -- he promises to be ready for the track season!



Injuries combined with a lack of returning starters have hampered the Husky start to the 2020 season. Wade F, the only returning starter from last year, has yet to see the floor as he recovers from a deep ankle bruise suffered in the final football contest. Illness or rolled ankles have kept others out of contests or limited their action. Hence, the Huskies are a mere 2-4 headed into the Winter Break and home contests against Prairie City and Joseph.

The JV is 0-1 having dropped a 31-35 decision at South Wasco on Friday, Dec. 6. Despite offensive contributions from the whole team, turnovers and lack of execution saw an 11-point lead evaporate in the second half.

High School Results/Schedule

Dec 6 - v. Stanfield	L, 42-49
Dec 7 - v. Culver	W, 60-56
Dec 10 - @ Damascus Christian	L, 29-60
Dec 11 - @ Lyle/Whishram	W, 57-22
Dec 13 - @ Hosanna Christian	L, 37-51
Dec 14 - @ Cascade Christian	L, 18-55
Dec 20 - v Prairie City 3 PM and 6 PM	
Dec 21 - v Joseph, Varsity only 3:30 PM	
Jan 3 - @ Condon,* 4:30 and 7:30, Bus Departs 1:30 PM	
Jan 4 - v Spray/Wheeler, 12:30 and 3:30 PM	
Jan 7 - @ Horizon Christian, 4:30 and 7:30, Depart 2:15 PM	
Jan 10 - @ Lone, Lone/Arlington, 4:30 and 7:30, Depart 1:45 PM	
Jan 11 - @ Echo, 12:30 and 3:30 PM, Depart 9:30 AM	
Jan 14 - v Dayville/Monument, Varsity only, 5:30 PM	
Jan 17 - @ S. Wasco, 4:30 and 7:30, Depart 2:30 PM	
Jan 21 - v Dufur, 4:30 and 7:30 PM	
Jan 23 - @ Monument, Dayville/Monument, 5:30, Depart 12:15 PM	
Jan 24 - v Klickitat, JV only 6 PM	
Jan 25 - @ The Dalles, JV v. Pendleton JV 2, 10:30 AM, Depart 8:45	
Jan 28 - v Horizon Christian, 4:30 and 7:30 PM	
Jan 31 - v Condon/Wheeler, 4:30 and 7:30 PM	
Feb 1 - @ Mitchell, Mitchell/Spray 12:30 and 3:30 PM, Depart 8:45	

*Denotes Beginning of League Play



The above action shows B Team working the passing lanes at the offensive end in action versus St. Mary's Dec. 10. At far right, Raul A passes to Drake D with Hunter K at the top of the key.

Middle School Boys Results/MS Schedule

	A	B	
Dec 5 - @ Condon	L	L	
Dec 10 - v St. Mary's	L	L	
Dec 13 - v S. Wasco	L	L	
Dec 16 - @ Dufur	L	L	
Dec 19 - v Arlington	Cancelled		
Jan 9 - v Dufur	5	4 PM	
Jan 13 - @ Horizon	5 PM		Bus departs 1:45 PM
Jan 21 - @ St. Mary's	6:30	5:30 PM	Depart 2:15 PM
Jan 23 - v Condon	5	4 PM	
Jan 27 - @ S. Wasco	6	4 PM	Depart 12:30 PM
Jan 30 - v Horizon	5 PM		
Feb 3 - @ Dufur	7	5 PM	Depart 2 PM

Girls Basketball

Photos by Jacob W



After achieving a single win a season ago, the Lady Huskies have gotten off to a competitive start to the 2020 season splitting tournament contests at their home tournament, on the road, and down in Klamath Falls at the Hosanna Christian tournament to stand at an even 3-3. Thus far, the inside out combination of posts Jaelyn J and Allie M has worked well with the outside efforts of Natalie M and Daisy B. Inside defense and rebounding has complemented the outside shooting of the guards. Except for a final Dec. 20th matchup against non-league Prairie City, the girls will have a break in games as they prepare for league play starting Jan. 3 at Condon.

Story contribution
by Natalie M

Photo above shows the girls in defensive action on opening night versus 2A Stanfield Dec. 6. On the inbounder at far left is Mercedes C with Jaelyn J denying the post supported by Allie M and (at far-right) Natalie M. Above right, Jaelyn J grabs a rebound in the same contest with Allie M in support.



High School Results/Schedule

Dec 6 - v. Stanfield,	L, 41-61
Dec 7- v Central Christian	W, 43-34
Dec 10 – @ Damascus Christian	L, 322-63
Dec 11 – Lyle/Wishram	W, 37-31
Dec 13 – @ Hosanna Christian	W, 30-14
Dec 14 - @ Cascade Christian	L, 29-57
Dec 20 – v Prairie City, 4:30 PM	
Jan 3 - @ Condon, Condon/Wheeler*, at 6, Bus Depart 1:30 PM	
Jan 4 - v Mitchell/Spray, 2 PM	
Jan 10 – @ Lone, Lone/Arlington, at 6, Depart 1:45 PM	
Jan 11 - @ Echo, at 2 PM, Depart 9:30 AM	
Jan 14 – v Dayville/Monument, 4 PM	
Jan 17 - @ S. Wasco, at 6, Depart 2:30 PM	
Jan 21 – v Dufur, at 6 PM	
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Jan 31 – v Condon/Wheeler, 6 PM	
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**Non-league Game	

Middle School Girls Results

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	A	B	C (extended B)*	
Dec 5 - @ Condon	W, 27-18	L	W	
Dec 10 – v St. Mary's		L	L	
Dec 13 - v S. Wasco	L, 23-35	L	L	
Dec 16 - @ Dufur	L, 30-35	L	L	
Dec 19 – v Arlington	Cancelled			
Jan 9 – v Dufur	4	5	6 PM	
Jan 13 - @ Horizon	4			Bus departs 1:45 PM
Jan 21 – @ St. Mary's		4	6	Depart 2:15 PM
Jan 23 – v Condon	4	5	6 PM	
Jan 27 - @ S. Wasco	5	3	2:30	Depart 12:30 PM
Jan 30 – v Horizon	4 PM			
Feb 3 – @ Dufur	6	4	6	Depart 2 PM
Jan 27 - @ S. Wasco	5	3	2:30	Depart 12:30 PM
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Middle School Girls



Despite earning three more field goals than their opponents over the first three contests, the A girls squad has a record of 1-2 as it has given up three times as many freethrows and twice as many offensive rebounds. As these aspects of the game involve effort and mental discipline, they are very fixable, so it will be exciting to see what growth occurs. Above photo depicts B Team action versus St. Mary's on Dec. 10. In the foreground, Addison S has just knocked the ball loose and it is a race to gain possession. Helping her in the background (l-r) is Savannah B and Taylor P.

Literature Fair

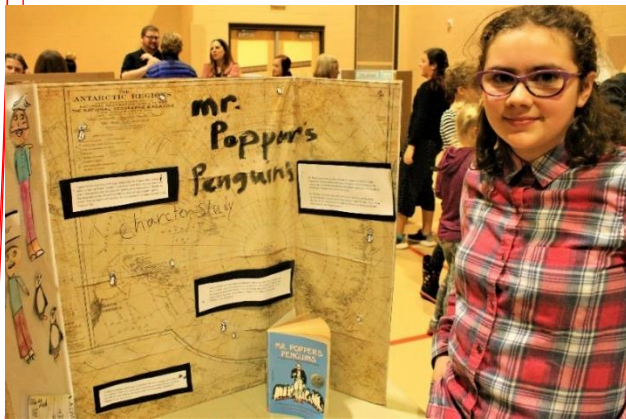


Due to the weather cancellation of school on the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving, the third annual Literature Fair was postponed until Friday, Dec. 6. The Fair is a product of the 4th, 5th and 6th graders and culminates a class project of independent reading. As 4th grader Dalton R noted: "It was a tough assignment, but everyone completed it!"

Books this year ranged from the classic *Little Women*, kid favorite *Whimpy Kid* (see Cael B above) to the unique historical perspective of a Nazi soldier's *I Survived D-Day* done by 6th grader Gage W, and *Mr. Popper's Penguins* about penguins used for exhibits and circus acts (see Emma S at left third down).

Photos above left with Dulce A in foreground and at left with Bella W in foreground illustrate the attendees exploring the presentations.

Bottom far-left is the *No Regrets* display of 6th grader Coral M, middle is Stephen O's *Knights of the Air* complete with model airplane, and below-right *Unicorn Academy* by 4th grader Joni B.



The final assessment of the event as declared by 4th graders Leah and Rylee: "it was amazing!"

Photo at left courtesy of Mr. Somnis; others by David R and Mike D.

Dec - Jan Event Calendar

Dec 21 – Marble Dip Ornaments, Library 2 PM

Dec 24 – Library Closed

Dec 26 – Library 11 AM – 7 PM

Dec 30 – Library 10 AM – 4 PM

Jan 2 – Library 11 AM – 7 PM

Jan 6 – School Back in Session

4-H Sewing, Gaming Club, Youth Basketball*

Jan 7 – S.K.O.R.E and OSU Cooking*

Jan 8 – 4-H Sewing, Home Ec; Gaming Club*

Jan 10 – 1/2 Day, 1-4/Music Schedule

Jan 13 – Board Meeting, Library Program Rm 6 PM

Jan 17 – Half Day, 5-7/PE Schedule

Jan 20 – No School, MLK Recognition Day

Jan 21-23 – 7-12 Semester Finals

End of First Semester

Jan 24 – No School Students; Teacher Work Day

Jan 27 – Start of Second Semester; 3rd Quarter

Feb 3 – FFA Meeting

***Regular Weekly Event**

S.K.O.R.E., an afterschool program for K-6 meets every regular-school Tuesday thru Thursday and includes a Wrestling Club that meets after the general activity on Tuesdays and Wednesdays;

4-H Sewing and OSU Cooking programs for 7-12 every regular Monday and Tuesday, respectively;

Gaming Club meets every regular after school, Tuesday and Wednesday unless otherwise notified;

****See the sports pages for complete contest calendars**

'Ugly?' Sweater Day

The newsletter staff is not sure why Holiday Sweater Day is called 'ugly' as festive attire should be celebrated as quite lovely. However it is interpreted, the Huskies below did their very best to show their holiday spirit: 4th grade class with Mrs. K (photo courtesy of Mrs. M) and the staff who made it to the picture (photo courtesy of Mr. Somnis, who was also sporting a very red holiday sweater himself).



Lockers and Doors Competition

Photos by David R and Mike D



For the locker decorating contest, winners selected by the ASB were senior Catherine R for her Elf in a tree with lighted wreath (at far left), sophomore Emma R with her 'Glad you're home, the tree faints' message in lights (near left), 8th grader Maddie B for her Reindeer stall (below far left) and 7th grader Pamela S for her Unicorn (bottom middle).

The door completion was won by the 1st grade with their stockings hung from the mantel (below right). This earned them the right to choose the other door winners. They chose Mrs. G's Senior Homeroom and Spanish classroom Snowman door (far-right below) and the Custodial storage door of Three 'Stooges,' which our custodial staff are certainly not (far-bottom left) done by Mrs. Bird.



Sophomore Tree Sale and Junior Windmill Power

Tree Sale Photo courtesy of Mr. Swenson



Sophomores

While the annual sophomore tree sale was somewhat hampered by a limitation to just Douglas Firs, the class was still able to sell 75 of its 90 trees during the single-day sale held on Saturday, Dec. 7. Above Kody B, foreground, and Gill W, behind, prepare trees for customers.

Juniors

Meanwhile there was more green from the juniors, green energy that is by experimenting with windmill produced electricity. These students were the beneficiaries of a Bonneville Environment Foundation grant that provided educator training and equipment through its Clean Energy Bright Futures program that provided training for Mr. Dearborn and materials for windmill construction.

The task involved designing windmill blades and attaching them to a turbine structure that students had to assemble. Once assembly was complete, a leaf blower was used to create the wind to test the electrical energy produced. A meter was used along with a string of lights. Photo at top right shows Jed H aiming blower at his team's windmill as Grace P reads the volt meter to determine electrical output. This team, which included Nancy A, was the team with the highest peak output of 12.8 volts. Next photo down shows Lindsey J using the blower on her team's windmill while Will J takes the reading and Mike C looks on. All teams managed to produce a consistent output of nearly 12 volts and enough electricity to light up three small light bulbs.



January Board Recognition Month

The Superintendent along with the entire SCS community join all Districts across the state in recognizing January as School Board Recognition Month.

Our School Board provides all volunteer time and effort to deliver the best education possible for our students. During the Board meeting of Jan. 13, the staff and students will be honoring our Board pictured below (back, l-r): Kristi Coelsch, Paul Bish, Jesse Stutzman, (front) Scott Susi and Jeremy Lanthorn. Like the spirit of the holiday, we should remember the contributions they are making throughout the year!



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